

THEY MARVELLED AT THOSE THINGS

Lk 2:33

What was said about Jesus Christ at His birth that is so astonishing, that left His parents with such amazement and awe and wonder?

Answer begins to unfold in announcement of angel to Mary

I. 100% GOD

Lk 1:32 ... *shall be called the Son of the Highest...*

Son of the Highest. One of Lk's favorite titles for Jesus.

Lk 1:35; 2:14; 14:8; 19:38; 20:46

Testimony of Zacharias: Lk 1:76

Speaks of sovereignty of God.

Jesus Christ said in Lk 6:35 ...*ye shall be the children of the Highest:*

Acts 7:45 *The Most High*

Speaks of His magnificent and splendid sovereignty...all surpassing superiority.

No one higher in power and rank than He.

Deut 32:8; Psa 47:2

Supreme ruler over all nations.

Supreme ruler over all of nature.

2 Sam 22:14-17; Ps 7:17; 9:2

Most High God: this means that he is supreme over every thing...nation, nature, the unrighteous and the righteous,

Son of the Highest: Jesus bears character, makeup, disposition & real meaning of God.

Not imply Jesus is a sub god.

Jesus is exact life, nature, and makeup as Jehovah God.

Heb 1:1-3 *Express image of His person:* exact replica of God.

Jn 5:18 ... *Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.*

Jn 5:19 Whatever I do is exactly what God does

Jn 5:26 Jesus has same power to raise dead physically and spiritually that God does.

Equal in power with Father.

Equal authority. Jn 5:27

Equal in judgment. Jn 5:22

Equal in honor Jn 5:23

How could God be born in a human womb?

Mt 1:18 - 23 Jesus, was conceived without a human father. God placed into Mary's womb a seed to create Jesus Christ our Lord.

II. 100% MAN

Lk 1:31 ... *thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, ...*

God made several appearances in OT without needing human mother. Garden of Eden with Adam and Ever.

To children of Israel.

Mt.Sanai...Abraham

Now appears as 100% God and 100% man.

Therefore, must come to earth through womb and birth canal of human woman.

Mt 1:18-21

Pregnant for nine months...normal birth (Lk 2:6-7).

Jesus was her first born son...

Implies? That she was going to have a second born...

Shepherds observed real human baby ...Lk 2:21

Jesus grew ...Lk 2:40.

Jesus was Word made flesh and dwelt among us. Jn 1:14

He was made like his brethren: Heb 2:17

He was in all points tempted like as we are yet without sin: Heb 4:15

Gal 4:4. He was obligated as all humans to obey God's law.

If he was going to be a substitute for man on the cross he had to be a man.

If He was going to rise from the dead for men He had to be a man. 1 Tim 2:5

III. SINLESS

Lk 1:35 ... *that holy thing*

He was holy, perfect, sinless.

Mac: *The Holy Spirit in a miraculous way produced a child of the substance of Mary and strained out the sin creating a holy child. He entered holiness at birth which we will not know until death. He starts where we end. He begins in a holiness we wait for. He is in the fullness of His holiness long before us. He entered into the full liberty on the same day we enter into our great bondage. He began by being fully sanctified, and we by God's grace will end by being fully sanctified. No child ever like Him.*

IV. SOVEREIGN LORD

Lk 1:32-33

An eternal Kingdom.

Fulfillment of prophecy in 2 Samuel 7:11-13

Mac: *He has the right to the throne of Israel which becomes the throne of the world which becomes the throne of the universe, which becomes the throne of the eternal new heavens and new earth. He is sovereign Lord.*

A little baby who will receive the throne of David and has the power and right to reign in an eternal kingdom.

Mt 2:1-8 Magi

Priests who had inherited from their parentage a position of eminence and distinction in the Orient, Babylon & Media & Persia.

Designated as the official king makers or appointers of kings.

Pagan in origin ... influenced by Daniel and Jews in captivity to be God-fearers.

Truly seeking Messiah, the great King to come.

Matthew's point: these non-Jewish Gentile official king makers from the east have come to affirm and acknowledge the new king.

This child had the power and the right to rule.

Lineage through Mary and Joseph says it.

Scriptures prove it.

He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Phil 2:9-11

V. SAVIOR

Lk 1:31; Mt 1:21; Lk 2:11

Savior: Deliverer; Rescuer; loose you from bonds

Samaritans : Jn 4:42

Jn 1 Jn 4:14

Paul: Acts 13:23

Why Jesus called Savior?

Man a sinner---condemned to Hell...

Jesus died to save man from penalty of his sins.

If place his faith and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, he will not perish but have everlasting life

Jn 3:16,17; Mat 1:21

VI. DECIDER OF MAN'S DESTINY:

Lk 2:34-35

Revealer of the heart and decider of man's destiny.

What a man does with Jesus Christ determines whether he falls or rises again.

Jesus determines a man's destiny, whether eternity in Hell or in Heaven.

It depends on what a man does with Christ. 1 Jn 5:12-13